venience. We shall be glad to meet there all the readers of the paper.

AFIELD WITH CROCKER'S BRIGADE.

By David M. Strain, Co. B, 15th Iowa.

This is a simple narrative of the everyday doings of this famous brigade, which

PORT HUDSON:

A Reminiscence of the Civil War. By Col. Prentiss Ingraham.

This is a tribute by a gallant Confedbrated Forlorn Hope. It will appear in an early number of The National Tri-

A bridge-builder is always tried by his piers.

MR. EVANS'S gossip-hunting spies cost the Treasury \$400,000 a year.

GEN. MILES'S visit to West Point was a rude jolt to many of the cadets, in showing a really great soldier who never was under different Administrations: in the Academy.

Who says that it will take ages to Ricans are already giving up cock-fighting for base-ball.

given Fighting Bob Evans, and Evans isn't saying a word.

MR. Evans pays \$2,300 a year each to men to prowl around neighborhoods and try to collect gossip to serve as a pretext for taking \$2 a week from some poor old

EVEN California is invading Europe with her oranges, lemons, prunes, apples and pears, which arrive there in better shape, and costing less than the French, Spanish and Italian.

THE cruiser Cleveland, soon to be of Ohio, and not the heavy-tonnage Harveyized-nickel Statesman who was twice President of the United States.

MR. LEADBEATER is a Councilman of change his name a little and lead better part of their lives yet before them.

New York continues to be very well satfsfied with the operation of her inheritance tax, which seems to be as fair, just, and well-working a revenue system as can be devised. The State Treasury will receive something like \$30,000 from the estate of

poor old veteran, or veteran's widow's declining years by denying his or her pension he saves on an average \$108.28 a year, or a triffle over \$2 a week. Think of how much misery the deprivation of that small amount inflicts.

THE German tariff is not the first step tend. in a general European combination Under the Administrations of Grant, against this country, for the reason that Hayes and Garfield the veterans of the it hits the Russian and Austrian grain war of the rebellion were still young markets harder than our own, if anything. There never will be a European
combination against us, for the reason
that every one of them have troubles of
their own, and they are going to make
the best terms possible with us, as with
each other. The "European concert" has
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"You can?" said Pete, eagerly. Let's
go for it at once. I'd markets harder than our own, if any- men. They had the youthful vigor which been attempted too often, and too often equal to anything in civil life, disastrously failed to be worth while wor-

friends there, direct their mail to be sent there, and otherwise make it their conduct to the Spanish war. At least 100,000 mortality among the veterans than now of the medical examinations held during the year resulted unfavorably to the from the amount paid last year.

HEAVY PENSIONS THE PRESENT YEAR. It is believed that during the fiscal year of \$108.28. day doings of this famous brigade, which was composed of some of the best fighting regiments in the magnificent Army of the Tennessee.

PORT HUDSON:

Tennessee the secretary of 1902 the payments under the general law will be exceeded by those to pension-ers under the act of 1890. The Spanish war pensioners received \$1.175.225, an increase over last year of \$842,320, and the pensioners under the act of 1890. as amended May 6, 1900, received \$66,973,-481, an increase over last year of \$1,-

During the last 30 years the survivors of the War of 1812 and their widows have received \$44,841,648; Mexican war, erate officer, who was among the defenders of Port Hudson, to the brave boys in blue who besieged that place, and particularly to those who formed the celebrated Forlorn Hone. It will appear in brated Forlorn Hone. It will appear in

PAYMENTS DURING ADMINISTRATIONS. President Grant's first term.\$116,136,275

Average per year President Cleveland's first term 305,636,662 Average per year President Harrison's Admin-

istration 519,707,725
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President Cleveland's second

term 557,950,407
Average per year 139,487,602
President McKinley's first

The first thing that strikes one in reading this is that the veterans of the rebellion are not given the benefits of this inlaunched, is named after the metropolis crease of 4,206 on the pension roll. Nearly the whole went to the survivors-and they nearly all survive-of the Spanish war. They got 3,849 of the total of 4,206, or over 90 per cent, of the gain.

This, too, while the veterans are old. Alexandria, Va. Of course, if he must and at the critical periods of their lives, beat something lead is much better than while the Spanish war survivors and their his wife and children. But why not widows are all young, with the greater

The next thought is that with all these hundreds of thousands of unadjudicated cases on file, with the claimants all past the meridian of life, and constantly growing older and needier, with what iron rigidity has been kept the tab on the graveyard, and no one admitted to the roll, until some one died and made a place for him. Even including this extraordi-

of Henry Clay Evans's "savings" to the ciently explains the ghastly farce of pro-Treasury. Every time he embitters some mouncing every week 2,000 men past 60, and who have undergone the most terrible campaigns as "not incanacitated for the performance of manual labor." Was there ever anything more absurd!

The comparisons of the pensions expenditures under different Administrations are very interesting, but they recall facts that the Commissioner did not in-

Still more, the country was then groun ing under the enormous debt due the bond- not lead an easy life.

We have secured room 135, Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, for the headquarters of The National Encampment. This is directly across the hall from the National Headquarters of the G. A. R., w. R. C., and Ladies of the G. A. R., w. They can make appointments to meet their friends there, direct their mail to be sent.

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Worl'. He belongs in Fort McAllister, but he piloted us froo de rebel lines, an done sabed my life." reau is anxious to economize as to sacrifice a veteran to save an annual outlay

A FOOL PRIEND

The New York Journal is doing Admiral Schley the worst injury by putting him up as a "Southerner" and a "Democrat," who is being attacked by Republicans to prevent him being a Presidential possibility. As a matter of fact, Schley is no more a Southerner than any of the others of that Pennsylvania German stock to which he belongs. It was by a mere accident that his forefathers, with the keen instinct for fine lands of "the Pennsylvania eral times." The pension rolls still contain the names of one survivor and 1.527 widows on account of the War of 1812; 1086 survivors and 3,479 widows on account of Indian wars, and 7,568 survivors and 8,109 widows on account of the Mexican war. The Bureau issued 109,668 certifiants of the Clan, and settled at Frederick, Md. The whole of that sturdy German stock—the stock to which Burbara Frietchie belonged—were outspoken Unionists, and their solid, German steadfastness was the holding ground. Dutch"-drifted a few miles farther south man steadfastness was the holding ground cates of all classes during the year, 44,225 being for original pension. The number of claims pending July 1 last was
403,569. The statement gives the following amounts of money paid pensioners

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in the Union. By marriage Schley is affiliated with the Baltimore Secessionists,
| but his blood relations are all radical by which Maryland was safely anchored but his blood relations are all radical Unionists of Central and Western Maryland. What his more recent politics may be is not definitely known, but in earlier Average per year 28,598,839 But none of this has the slightest bearing President Hayes's Adminislife he was uncompromisingly Republican. Ing for base-ball.

So far Fighting Bill Chandler seems to be satisfied with the knock-out he has given Fighting Bob Evans, and Evans

Fresident Hayes's Administration 145,322,489 arms dragged to the surface a lively young want their minds confused by it. There are just two things that the American people want the Court of Inquiry to described and Minerva Ann, over the Kinch.

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It is a crime to obscure these plain isues, which the people are anxious to have met, with any appeals to politics or sec

GEN. MACARTHUR talks coolly, sersibly and hopefully about the conditions in the Philippines. He says that the country has been fearfully ravaged by war, and there is danger of the return of many of the people to barbarism. But the power of the cruel and murderous insurrecto caste has been thoroughly broken. The common people no longer fear them, and can return to peaceful ways and obedience to the laws without fear of being murdered and their property destroyed. The people want to become good, lawabiding citizens, and will do so now. The be necessary to keep a considerable gar-rison in the islands for some very yet as rison in the islands for some years yet, as rison in the islands for some years yet, as might be expected, for a large part of in all my born days," said Uncle Ephthe country never was really occupied by raim. "I jes' t'ought ole Satan wuz hab-

was was skered dan I either for the first millionaire deutit, Fram.

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monopolize the steel production of the monopolize certain monopolize certain of God mong de rebels as fur meat whar forms of skilled labor. If the labor union were not so proscriptive to American-born boys who want a chance to learn highly-paid trades, and so favorable to "Dere's jist plenty o' meat here if youre'll only go fur it," answered Pstsy, pathy with it.

JUST what Vice-President Roosevelt meant at Hutchison, Kan., when he

And certainly those whom the Commissioner will not allow even this much do draw all de steaks, cutlets and chops dat Pete and Sandy came slipping back and sioner will not allow even this much do



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Kinch, one ob de finest boys in de whole "Huh, not a great deal dat," grunted

Aunt Minerva Ann, determined not to condone in any way the mortal offense of failure to bring in something to eat. tradure to bring in something to eat.

"Lectle good sabin de life ob a man what hain't gumption 'nuil' t' find sumfin t' eat.

Take him away. Don't want no rebel brats hangin' 'round headquarters."

"But, 'Nervy," pleaded Uncle Ephraim, "jes' gib us a cup of coffee. I's a'most daid, I done tells yo'!"

"Your own fault den." snapped Aunt

daid, I done tells yo'!"

"Your own fault, den," snapped Aunt
Minerva. "Kase ob your fool projeckin'
'roun' de country, 'stid ob 'tendin' t' your
business. Where leetle Pete?"

"Here I am, Aunty," exclaimed Pete,
running up to be folded to her ample
bosom. "Had an awful time. Thought

was never going to see you again sev "Hid yo', yo' pore honey," exclaimed inerva Ann, with her eyes full of tears. Well, I's bin savin' sumfin fo' yo' t' eat,

fearin's yo'd done come in hongry. Set down, an' I'll git it for yo', an' make yo' some coffee. I'll make some for yo', too, Eph, yo' ole loafer, though yo' don't de-sarve hit." In spite of the meagerness of the rations at headquarters, Aunt Minerva Ann had laid by some tit-bits for Pete, and no

of her own would induce her to touch them. Pete was cute enough to perceive that there was a domestic storm, with Uncle Ephraim out in the rain, and while Aunt Minerva Ann's back was turned, super-intending the boiling of the coffee, he slily

the Navy Department, which builds up or tears down men, according to its own try, big as de worl', an' a lazy, good-fer-selfish wishes, and without regard to his nothin' nigger, w'at kin eat a shoulder said P

"An' seed turkles big's a haystack, sunfish broad as a bed-kivver, an' snakes big-ger an' longer'n ary grape-vine yo' ebber seed," broke in Uncle Ephraim, unable to contain himself.

"Shet up, Eph, sabe yer bref fer coolin"

Commission is proceeding wisely, and showing what a vast improvement the American rule is to the Spanish. It will wid de Cunnel, an be safe? Wuzzent yo'

The steel strike is a struggle between two gigantic corportions—one seeking to monopolize the steel production of the country, the other to monopolize certain forms of skilled labor. If the labor union were not so proscriptive to Americanborn boys who want a chance to learn it eight in de world don't youze git dat wench some meat?" asked Patsy, as they walked away, after finishing their coffee. "What in creation, I'd like t' know," grumbled Uncle Ephraim, "kin I git any meat? Mout as well hunt for de grace ob God 'mong de rebels as fur meat whar dar ain't none, an' a hundred t'ousand men lookin' fur hit. A pig or a chicken lada'd lib 'round hyah a day would hab t' eider fly higher dan a tu'key-buzzard.

wench wants.



"I'LL BREAK EBERY BONE IN DAT WUFLESS OLE EPH'S KARKISS FER FOOLIN' ME DAT-AWAY."

into an immense alligator, with big, dull,

as his assistants."
"Never do in the world to lose them from the regiment," answered the Adju-tent shuddering at the thought. "But

they will get into more trouble in a min-ute than a grown man will get 'em out

of in a month.

on Uncle Ephraim, and the negro's strong the rebels ain't our kind," almost blubarms dragged to the surface a lively young bered Pete. "He'd do lots o' things that

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1. Whether Schley acted throughout the campaign as an American naval officer of high rank should have acted:

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3. We didn't ten no he, sand Sandy, point of assault, and began frantic but fould be a statempts to bayone it. Sandy, affectly, which is worse, the campaign as an American naval officer one successful thrust, got his range. Think of what Aunt Minerva, Ann and succeeded in landing his point in the colonel will think when they find it Whif- regarded the savagely-swishing tail as the

nothin' nigger, w'at kin eat a shoulder ob fresh pork at a meal, when somebody else provides hit, say he can't find nonemeat. Let his wife an' Cunnel starve fer meat, an' purtend he can't find nonemot a shoat, nur a chicken, nur a trikey in hundreds ob miles, I s'pose. What'd de folks lib on' roun' hyah—tell me dat?"

"Aunty, we just had the greatest time you ever heard of," said Pete, trying to lighten the atmosphere, as he sipped his coffee and munched his food. Uncle Ephraim descended slowly from the convertible of the meat of the meat of the meat back to the boys, and tell where we'd got it, which we would 've done if it'd bin all right, and we'd just stole it?"

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"They fell into a troubled doze, from the alligator, made sure that he was which Pete woke with a yell that startled the others into wakefulness. He had dreamed that the Colonel had changed and then turned it on its back.

"Skin him jest like youze would a calf,"

This Uncle Ephraim understood. He made a long slit down the breast and belly, others for each of the legs, and the skin came off as readily as would a cow's. "Shet up. Eph, sabe yer bref fer coolin' yer coffee," snapped his spouse. "Yo' allux was an onaccountable liar 'bout what yo'd done seed." Then to Pete: "My! tail had been removed.

"He do look like a pig," remarked explanation, which was given with the look and accent of confessing a murder. Si and Shorty looked grave as they listened to the story.

Si and Shorty looked grave as they listened to the story. "Jest as good pork as youze ever et," said Patsy. "Heap bettern dese alligator hogs dat runs in de woods. Dere hain't of 4t," said Si. Come on, Shorty; come so much diffrunce betwixt one dat paddles on, Pete and Sandy."

They found the Colonel and Adjutant

in de swamps an' de one dat gallops over de sand. Both live on snakes, fish an' sich truck. I likes de swamp feller bet-

Ephraim, laying his share down.

"Laws-a-massy, what nice meat!" she exclaimed, delighted. "But what a queer here he comes, with his partner, walking

"Pore man, he's jes' starvin'."

Uncle Ephraim went over to the head-quarters stables, to see how his substitute had been taking care of the Colonel's horses, taking Patsy with him, and was soon absorbed in rating his underling for his shortcomings, and in repairing them. Patsy lay down on some rice straw, and was soon sleeping the sleep of youth and fatigue.

catching on.

"I'll break chery bone in dat wufless ole Eph's karkiss fer foolin' me data-way," grumbled up Aunt Minerva Ann, picking up the stout peker, and giaring around for her husband. "I done wonder whar he is?"

"Can you tell me where I'll find Gen. "Can you tell me where I'll find Gen. Howard's headquarters?" asked a very tired and muddy cavalryman, riding a very muddy horse that looked ready to drop with fatigue. "Ah, Colonel," he continued, saluting; "excuse me. I didn't see your straps at first. Since you're a Colonel I'm at liberty to say to you that we have succeeded in communicating with our ships in the sound, and informing them of the army's presence."

"O, go chase yourself with your stale news," burst out Shorty, in his gladness to have Pete out of the scrape. "The Colonel's had his own men down to the ships, long ago. Go off and hunt buttermilk and chickens. That's all you cavalrymen are good for. The 200th Injianny 'Can you tell me where I'll find Gen. rymen are good for. The 200th Injianny can beat you every day in the week finding ships. Tell us about the crucifixion, or the firing on Fort Sumter, or something that you know something about."

(To be continued.)

> himself, proposes to seize the late Capt. Howgate's life insurance, and turn it into the Government Treasury in satisfaction of that much of the Captain's defalcations. It happens that this policy was kept up by his devoted daughter, from her salary as clerk, and it therefore represents her little savings. How far Capt. Howgate, who was a gallant soldler by the way, was made a scapegoat for the others, we shall not say. We shall admit that he deserved all his punishment. But the Government had its innings with him, while he was alive, and it is exceedingly small business to now follow up his daughter and try to rob her.

Some official, with a desire to advertise

THERE is a side to Mrs. Carrie Nation that should be spared jeers. She is 55 years old, and, as we all know, a very lively woman for her age. She has been alligator, who showed such resentment at me and you wouldn't. And we shouldn't lively woman for her age. She has been being disturbed that Uncle Ephraim took ve told no lie to Aunt Minerya Ann, and married for 25 years to a man now 73 more especially to the Colonel. Think of years old, and who seems to have always been prettly badly blasted by the drouth for she has supported him most of the time. She is just womanly enough to Think of what Aunt Minerva, Ann and cling to him for his very worthlessness, and succeeded in landing his point in the vital spot, and the alligator gave up the ghost.

"Jee-whiz, he's a dandy youngster," "But they will—they will. They can't help it," groaned Pete. "And if there was nothing wrong about it, why did we both sneak back to the company and say nothing? Why didn't we bring some of this bayonet with some leaves.

The beaver promises to become the Names of Canada, and they are

tional emblem of Canada, and they are proposing to coin a \$10 piece, to be called the "royal beaver;" a \$5 piece, to be called the "beaver," and a \$2.50 piece, to be called the "half-beaver." The "beaver" will take the place of the English "sovereign," or pound sterling. Let them have the beaver. We never did think much of a beast so stupid as to go on gnawing trees down with his teeth in this age of portable saw-mills.

GOV. OPELL has been giving Chatauana a fresh breath of common sense. He told istened to the story.

"There's nothing to do but go right up to headquarters and make a clean breast for the Government was theirs and was precisely what they made it. If a bad man was elected to office it was the fault of every man in the community, and partijust rising from a hearty dinner, while cularly of those who stayed away from Aunt Minerva Aun, beaming with satis-

low the flag. "Uniform duties and taxes" of in a month."

"Boys will be boys," said the Colonel.

"Recollect that you were a boy once yourself, Sergeant."

"They found Aunt Minerva Ann the continued Si, determined to have the whole sad truth out at once, "complaining As England has spent \$5,000,000 among

about not being able to get any fresh the Missouri and Kunsas farmers for meat—that you and she were starving for mules and horses, it would look as if lack of it. Being moved and instigated aw all de steaks, cutlets and chops dat lete and Sandy came slipping back and lack of it. Being moved and instigated quietly replaced their guns in the stack. by the devil, and that little imp of a New Webster Davis made a mistake in choose "Can't we git enough for Serg't Klegg, "You look so mild and quiet that I'm York boy, from the fort, that we caping sides,